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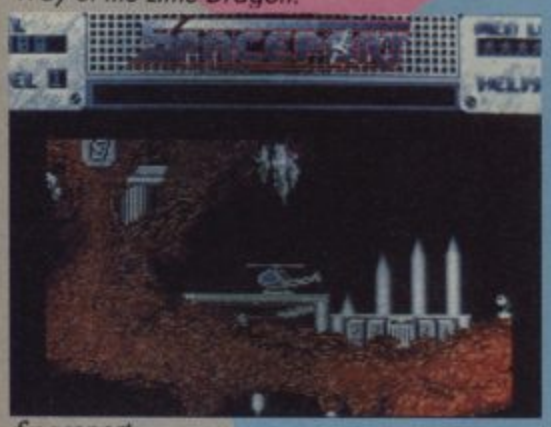
Axxiom Stations

German Software house Axxiom are starting to be distributed in the UK, and intend to be one of the bigger names in the 16 bit arena by the end of next year, or so. Their first three releases are all to be available before Christmas on the Amiga, though later ST versions will be available. Way of the Little Dragon, which they see as being potentially the first hit, is a karate game to be played against either the machine or another player. Graphics are rather nice, though gameplay is less than original; an accusation that could be quite easily levelled against the other games as well. Crystal Hammer is a Breakout/Arkanoid clone, while Powerstyx bears a remarkable similarity to old fave Qix; you must build up a picture by sectioning off portions of the screen with your cursor, while avoiding the hostile skulls and so on whose touch means death. Later releases include Gunshoot, a cowboy game; a 3D helicopter sim called Skyblaster; and Spaceport, where you pilot a helicopter through underground caverns. All games will be £14.95 which makes for very good value. Watch C+VG for the first reviews.

Way of the Little Dragon.



Spaceport.

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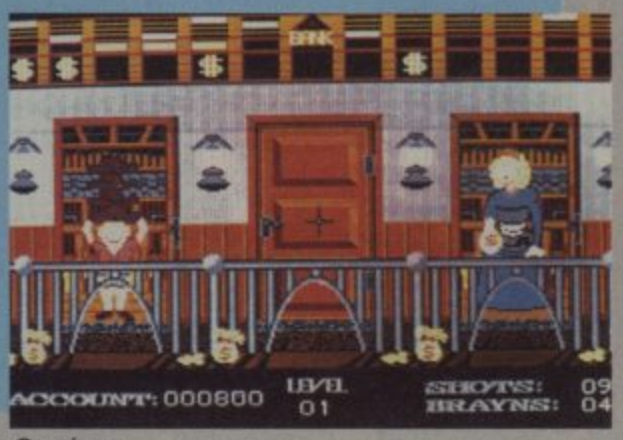

Gunshoot.

Take a Butchers at This

Jungle warfare: it's just the ticket these days, isn't it? Looking not too dissimilar to the game that has just graced almost ever magazine cover under the sun – though to be fair it is no clone – is Gremlin's Butcher Hill. Through three sections – a rubber dingy ride down a river, on foot through a jungle and a village – you make your way through Vietnam to "Butcher Hill". It's a shoot 'em up for Spec, Amstrad, 64, ST and Amiga in January.

Charts

SPECTRUM TOP TEN

1	Bomb Jack – Encore
2	Joe Blade 2 – Players
3	D. T'sons Olym Chall – Ocean
4	Track Suit Manager – Goliath
5	Gauntlet – Kixx
6	Typhoon – Ocean
7	1943 – US Gold
8	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
9	Battleships – Encore
10	Eur. Five-a-side – Firebird

Typhoon, a new entry, does well and can be expected to do better in the coming months. More full price games in the chart than there have been for months as the budget houses slip and the market braces itself for Christmas.

AMIGA TOP FIVE

1	Star Glider – Rainbird
2	D. T'son's Olym Chall – Ocean
3	Interceptor – Electronic arts
4	Carrier Command – Rainbird
5	Garfield – the Edge

Daley and Garfield are new entries, while the rest of the chart stays EXACTLY the same as last time. i.e. Star Glider 2 stays right at the top.

ALL FORMATS COMBINED TOP TEN

1	D. T'son's Olym Chall – Ocean
2	Joe Blade 2 – Players
3	Bomb Jack – Encore
4	Ghostbusters – Mastertronic
5	Kik Start 2 – Mastertronic
6	Track Suit Manager – Goliath
7	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
8	Yogi Bear – Alternative
9	1943 – US Gold
10	Soccer Boss – Alternative

Daley Thompson may not have managed it at the Olympics, but he finally makes number one in the software charts, while new entry 1943 puts in sterling service for US Gold. Best selling individual version, however, is the C64 version of Barbarian 2.

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Sticky Decision

This here is a Spectrum look at Dark Fusion, a new 8 bit shoot 'em up from Gremlin. Fight nasty aliens and all that stuff, but you'll also find you have to fuse your own lifeform with that of your failed foes (ick!) to survive. Big monsters at the end of levels and all that jazz no doubt, out early December.

Come Play With Me...?

Forget Robo-cop. Forget The Running Man and Die Hard: this is the film license they'll all be talking about. Not on show in Paris, but due from Cocktel Vision before Christmas, is Emmanuelle – a computer game based on the famous soft-core porn flick! Apart from the fact that it is an adventure based closely on the plot of the original film – whatever that was – details are vague at the moment. More news as and when . . .

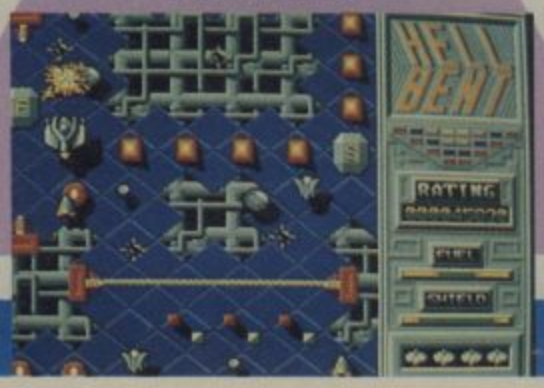
Roy's a Boy Toy

Footie games continue to come out of the woodwork at a quite alarming rate – just check out

Chubby Dillon's round up on page 98 – and not least of these is Gremlin's Roy of the Rovers. This is a Spectrum look at a game that will have been released just before this mag goes on sale – check out the full review soon. Roy's fictious team Melchester wear red and yellow vests, we believe, which doesn't seeem to have some over too well on the Speccy!

Hellbent

Keen not to get lost in the Christmas rush – "hellbent" you might say – is this new 16 bit release from Novagen. A scrolling shoot 'em up for ST and Amiga. Hellbent is the company's third 16 bit release, and the first done by someone other than company boss Paul Woakes – in this case a young chappie with the unlikely name of "Donovan Prince".



Charts

AMSTRAD TOP TEN

1	Daley T'son Olym Chall – Ocean
2	Adv. Pinball Sim – Code Masters
3	Kik Start 2 – Mastertronic
4	Joe Blade 2 – players
5	Bomb Jack – Encore
6	Air Wolf – Encore
7	Ace of Aces – Kixx
8	Glider Rider – Bug Byte
9	Ghostbusters – Mastertronic
10	Game Over 2 – Dinamic

Advanced Pinball, Glider Rider and Game Over 2 are all new entries. Sales are low, but expected to rise sharply as the strong Christmas product gets a hold.

C64 TOP TEN

1	Barbarian 2 – Palace
2	Daley Thomp Oly Chall – Ocean
3	1943 – US Gold
4	Track Suit Manager – Goliath
5	Football Manager 2 – Addictive
6	Bomb Jack – Encore
7	Gold, Silver and Bronze – US Gold
8	Supreme Challenge – Beau Jolly
9	Pro Ski Simulator – Code Masters
10	Joe Blade 2 – Players

Compilations like Supreme Challenge and Gold, Silver . . . do well while the top two remain the same. Only three budget games in the ten: Bomb Jack, Pro Ski and Joe B.

ATARI ST TOP FIVE

1	Star Glider 2 – Rainbird
2	STOS Game Creator – Mandarin
3	Virus – Firebird
4	Where Time Stood Still – Ocean
5	Dungeon Master – Mirrorsoft

Night Raider and Lancelot are both new entries at 7 and 8 while Strip Poker and Dungeon Master reenter and Star Glider 2 begins to slide, while retaining the top spot.